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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MATSUO ET AL.

Examiner

Neil Levy

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/9/04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8-19, 21-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6, 8-19, 21, 22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 6, 8-10, 15, 21, 22 stand withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species and invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in Paper No. 4.

Claims ~~1, 14, 15, 21~~, 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nasu et al 4995898 in view of Collins 5206228.

The instant Imidazole (Table 2, compounds 18-22, for example), with phosphorous (example 7) at the instant claims ratio. The examples are not limited (col. 59, top) thus, one would substitute any of compounds between # 16-26, if one desired a phenyl substituted Imidazole.

Collins discloses use of inorganic phosphors compounds (col. 3) with added pesticides (col. 12), thus obvious to combine with the Nasu Imidazole and added actives.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made desiring to utilize a mixed organic and inorganic fungicidal composition, to use one of Nasu, with the particular Imidazole of choice based on the pests of concern, with the inorganic phosphorous compounds shown by Collins or effective fungicides when mixed with Imidazoles. Motivation to combine is taught by in order to enhance efficacy and reduce Imidazole amount required.

Applicant's arguments filed on 1/9/04 have been fully considered by they are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments are not persuasive, in view of new reference.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neil Levy whose telephone number is (571) 272-0619.

The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday 7 AM to 5:30 Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page can be reached on (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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